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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : WATSON et al.
Appl. No. : 09/975,317
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for FOUR (4) months to October 22, 2005.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(4) for a four month extension of time for large entity is \$1,590.00. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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